



Committee: Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 109

Title: Maryland Department of Health – System for Newborn Screening –
Requirements

Hearing Date: March 30, 2022

Position: Support

EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases supports *Senate Bill 242 – Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver - Participation and Applications*. This bill seeks ensure that all Maryland children are able to access the best available screening.

Newborn screening programs save lives and reduce healthcare costs by identifying children with rare diseases before they become symptomatic. This allows children to be quickly connected to treatment. Nationwide there have been growing delays in implementing new recommended testing. House Bill 109 seeks to address this issue by streamlining the process so Maryland can begin screening new disorders within 2 years of the United States Department of Health and Human Services issuing a recommendation.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at stiffin@policypartners.net.